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Hon. E. J. Warren of Washington and ex-Judge of Superior Court, died at his home in that place on Wednesday Dec. 8th. He was regarded as one of the most learned jurists in the State.

D. T. Corbin, a Vermont Carpet bagger has been elected U. S. Senator by the rum-radical Legislature in South Carolina. His chances for being seated are as slim as his c. b. honesty.

The Evening Review, edited and proprietor by Josh T. James of Wilmington is before us again after a lapse of some months. Its advertising columns are full, which speaks well for its success. We wish it and its popular proprietor all the prosperity so richly merited.

Senator Merrimon of North Carolina is on the South Carolina Senate investigating committee. We may look for an exhaustive minority report. Judge Merrimon is an able, pains-taking lawyer, and frauds cannot pass without a scathing rebuke from him.

A Washington dispatch to the Philadelphia Times says Senator Jones of Nevada is reported as saying that he "would rather cut off his right arm than sanction the Louisiana frauds." We still have hopes that enough republican Senators will unite with the democrats in the Senate to ensure Gov. Tilden the high office to which he was honestly elected.

President Grant says "there were 16,000 fraudulent votes cast for the democrat in the last election in North Carolina." To what "base uses we are come" when the President without the faintest scintilla of proof thus utters a notorious slander. Never mind, his nemesis is surely approaching. His doom of infamy is sealed, and whether it be Tilden, or whether it be Hayes, there will be "none so poor to do him reverence."

Time was when any man who jilted a lady was impaled on the piercing point of public opinion—denounced, awaiting in gallantry and honor. Now the newspapers speak of James Gordon Bennett, jilting the beautiful Miss May of Baltimore, but leaving her the costly presents. If matrimony is a matter of money, then costly presents may compensate a supposed lacerated bosom. But times are changing and the landmarks of our ancestors are lost sight of.

## Relief for the East.

Our exchanges are calling upon the people of the East to determine on some plan of relief to lay before the legislature upon its reassembling. If this is not done the Raleigh Observer says "the natural inference will be that the burdens of which we have heard so much, in general terms, are, after all not so very grievous to be borne." United action is being taken by prominent men in every county. No county in the East has been so cursed with misrule as Edgecombe. Her tax payers have been gnawed to the bone, and carpet baggers have grinned gleefully over it. Her paupers have cost enough to clothe them in regal splendor, and diet them on the brains of humming birds and the tongues of nightingales—amounting in our county in one year to nearly \$11,000. This only one item in the long list of intolerable burdens put on the county by radical misrule. And the same men and the same party are in office now. If it is a possible thing for the leopard to change his spots, or the Ethiopian his skin, then we may look for reform without the assistance of the legislature. But can men be trusted who are afraid to publish a statement of their official doings? To the credit of these men be it said, they do not even pretend that they will relieve us. Then we say let this legislature crucify them.

We want a change so as to afford tax payers some voice in the management of county affairs. When figs are gathered of thistles, then field hands and their consorts and accomplices can make laws for property holders and white men. The men who have owned the land in Edgecombe from time immemorial, might as well live in Kamschatka, so far as influencing county affairs is concerned. The Southerner has expressed its views on the subject. Nothing remains but for the property holders to devise some plan and present it to the legislature.

We do not want the old county court system. Any relief will be gladly received. As the old lady in the story, we are thankful for small favors and large ones in proportions.

## Words of True Sound.

In an editorial of the 8th inst., we took occasion to vent our view of the true policy of Southern Democratic leaders, and to denounce as defamatory the newspaper report that many of them were lending an ear to overtures from Gov. Hayes &c. We then said if they did go back on our Northern allies, and consort with our traitors, slanders and oppressors, they would be "generals without brigades, and leaders without a following." Until our northern friends have shown themselves unworthy of our trust and companionship we will follow whither so'er they may lead. The following editorial from the Richmond Whig is so well expressed and conforms so entirely with our own ideas, that we reproduce it.

We read with pain the statements that come to us from Washington to the effect that there is some bickering and want of harmony among the Democrats in Congress. This, if true, is shameful. It is criminal. That there should be some difference of opinion as to the policy to be pursued is most natural, but the situation should be calmly considered and quietly discussed, and after a conclusion has been reached perfect unity of action should prevail. We might differ, and probably would, with Mr. Hewitt in many of the views he may advance, but remembering his relations to the party and to its great head, our President-elect, whose wisdom, firmness, and discretion we all have good reason to confide in, we should, without a murmur or a moment's hesitation, except his leadership and follow closely in the path he may point out. The Southern members should bear in mind the responsibility for the course that may finally be pursued must rest with our Northern allies, and they, therefore, should be allowed to indicate the course the sentiment of that section is prepared to sustain. The South surrenders the lead to them, most wisely at St. Louis. So far they have not blundered. They have fairly won the victory. Let us follow them to the end, and if, at the final reckoning, they fail to secure the fruit of their success at the polls by reason of their want of nerve, or from any other cause that they should be held responsible for, then it will be time enough for us to consider what action our interests in the future may require us to take. We at least will be prepared in that event to indicate properly the course we should pursue. In the mean while let us not be guilty of the folly of attempting to snatch the reins from the hands of those we have commissioned to pilot us to the end of this trip. The silence upon the existing issues of the canvass that has characterized the Southern members upon the floor of Congress is greatly to be commended, but they should remember also the same prudence should control their utterances elsewhere. Some of them have been charged with reproaching the Northern Democrats because of their failure to turn a against their own section in the late sectional contest; and others again, with having declared that the South would not sustain the Northern Democrats in seeing the laws enforced. We would be very sorry to believe that one such simpleton had found his way to Congress from the South, and we do not credit the statement. The South, we have taken occasion time and again to declare, is loyal to the Union, thoroughly so, and we believe the Southern representative who intimates that the Conservative and Democrats of the South will fail to keep step with their allies of the North in upholding the Constitution and in seeing the laws enforced, represents his section badly.

Republican Threats.  
(Washington Union.)  
It is all Radical bluster. They have not the least idea of trying it. We have the law and the Constitution. Behind these, and in the firm stern sense of the people to defend them, we are impregnable in our trenches. Only by armed force and revolutionary violence can we be assailed. Tilden has the majority of votes. He must be found and declared elected, if all the votes are counted in the two Houses. If either house rejects any, then no candidate will be found elected by undeposited votes. Then the right of election will devolve on the House of Representatives. The way of the law is clear. Some few Radicals, whose heads are turned, rage and threaten that their Senate with proclamation for Hayes, and that Grant and his army will eat him. Luckily, for these foolish, mad people, such wicked talk falls short of actual treason. They will have the sense to keep clear of overt acts. The talk will relieve their minds, and give no trouble to the sensible people. This Government is not so weak as to fall down before blustering Radicalism. It is as Mr. Jos. the strongest Government on earth; the only Government in which every man, at the call of the law, will rush to the standard of the law, and meet invasions of the public order as his own personal concern. The representatives of the people know that, in defense of the law and of the Constitution entrusted to them, they will be backed by the whole power of the people. Only the most open treachery could propose to them the desertion of their duty and the surrender of their trust. Mere cowardice would be incapable of it. Such excess of political acidity is not in nature. But neither their fidelity nor their courage will be put to any test. Grant has no idea of trying the virtue and patriotism of the American people; and he has no army that would follow him into any mad treason against the country and the lawful Government.

Committee Work.  
The Southern Congressional Committees are unearthing fraud enough in South Carolina Florida and Louisiana, to damn forever the party perpetrating it in the estimation of the American people. Gov. Wells, president of the Returning Board in New Orleans has refused to appear before the committee and President Orton of the Union Telegraph Company has declined to furnish messages telegrams &c., sent by Chandler to the Returning Board in New Orleans. Chairman Morrison of the Committee has laid the matter of contempt before congress, which body has taken measures to vindicate its honor and mandates. When these committees report, showing up the knavery of the count, the path for Tilden will be smooth and easy, backed by the consent of the nation.

Gen. Barlow's letter on the Florida "situation" has convinced many republicans of the unfairness of the count in that state.

So we cheer our readers with the contemplation, that the view is clearer and the prospect more propitious for Uncle Sammy.

Hon. S. J. Randall, of Pennsylvania, Speaker of the House is just the man for the crisis, that will in all likelihood burst upon that officer. This is what the Richmond Whig says of him.

The key-note of his speech was the announcement of his purpose to uphold the dignity and rights of the House under all circumstances. Mr. Randall is known to be for a resolute policy in the present emergency and this led to his selection.

County Government.  
We publish the views of the Craven County Committee, in order that our prominent men may see whether they acquiesce in them. Individually we prefer a County Judge to be elected by the legislature with probate and to a certain extent criminal jurisdiction. An Edgecombe committee called a meeting on Tuesday, but if they resolved on anything, they have preserved a mysterious reticence with regard to the matter. Perhaps they are waiting for somebody else to do the work.

"First, then, for the management of county affairs, the undersigned would recommend that three Justices be appointed in each township by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom, at least, if possible, should not be of the same political party with the Governor. Divide these Justices into three classes, so that the term of one third of them shall expire with the term of the Governor. Let the Justices, so appointed, succeed to the powers and functions of the County Commissioners.

Second. The undersigned would recommend that the Township Justices be required to elect one of their number Township Chairman; and that these Chairmen—three to be a quorum—shall constitute a County Court, with jurisdiction over all matters of Probate, etc., and such civil and criminal jurisdiction as the General Assembly may think advisable to relieve the pressure on the Superior Courts, meet out swift punishment to offenders, and lessen the expense of the county in supporting prisoners held to answer criminal charges.

The undersigned are confident that such a system of County government is admirably adapted to the people of the State; injuriously affecting none, and yet, restoring contentment and prosperity to many who are afflicted with intolerable burdens. It retains, in the judgment of the undersigned, the advantages of the ante-bellum system, while it discards its objectionable features; as, for example, the unlimited number of Justices, and the careless and irresponsible manner of their appointment. It assimilates itself, too, to the existing system—enlarging, as it were, the number of commissioners to just representative proportions—and produces so little derangement in details, that the transition from one system to the other will be scarcely perceptible. It gives fair representation to both parties, and every neighborhood, so that the voice of none shall be stifled when their property is to be taxed, or their interests affected. It secures the appointment of honest and intelligent men as Justices, and then, in turn, the best of these as members of the Court. And, besides all this, it utilizes the vital forces of a community, and dignifies the great body of the people by raising them up to a just conception of the duties of citizenship, and the high relations they sustain to the body politic.

The undersigned, in discharge of the duty assigned them, and with diffidence, considering the vital importance of the subject, have, with intentional brevity, excluding minor details, submitted the result of their deliberations to the attention of the General Assembly; and they humbly pray, in behalf of Craven County, the promptest action in the premises, to the end that a patient and patriotic people may be freed from ills, which, none can know, but those who bear them.

Very respectfully,  
CHAS. C. CLARK,  
M. E. MANLY,  
JOHN HUGHES.  
Newbern, N. C., Dec. 18, 1876.

## What is to Become of Grant.

The disposition to be made of Grant is perplexing the brains of the radicals. He is the white elephant, too severely on hand. Some think the Illinois legislature will send him to the Senate instead of Logan, then the Senate will elect him President of that body. The party is dead enough now without any more hark-hark. So we scout this story. Others think he is to be made Secretary of War, as a reward for putting Hayes in—provided he does it. This may be held out as a glittering inducement to "screw his courage up to the sticking point. If Hayes gets in he will never do this suicidal act. So in any event, Grant will seek the infamy whence he sprang.

The Prodigal.  
Inheritors of vast wealth are proverbially spendthrifts. The golden era is dug from the mine, refined, and coined, by the labor of other hands and the sweat of other brows. Like children playing with an expensive toy, they can form no just estimate of its value. When the donor weighed it, he cast into the balance so many days of unremitting and fatiguing toil, so many anxious and sleepless nights, so much self-denial, and so much care. But the prodigal, who has received it, he carelessly squanders it in riotous living. Present pleasure obscures future want. Soon the certain heirs of the fortune, back to the house of their fathers, find the treasure empty and the prodigal a beggar. On her favorites our bounteous parent, Nature, has lavished her richest treasure—health. But the prodigal wastes it lightly, for it costs him naught, and recklessly squanders it in riotous living. Present pleasure obscures future want. 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